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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: John G. Bauer et al

Application No.: 10/602,316

Group No.: 3616

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For: **VENTED AIR BAG**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231**

**AMENDMENT, PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO MAINTAIN PARENT CASE THAT IS TO BE ABANDONED  
WHEN FILING NEW APPLICATION CLAIMING ITS BENEFIT**

*NOTE: Where an extension of time is sought solely for the purpose of filing a continuation application under 35 USC 120, and where the prior application is to be abandoned in favor of the continuing application, the filing of a response as required by 37 CFR 1.111 or 1.113 is considered to be an unnecessary expenditure of resources by the applicant and, in these situations, the PTO will accept the filing of a continuing application as a response under 35 CFR 1.136. Notice of May 13, 1983 (1031 O.G. 11).*

*NOTE: The PTO finds it useful if a copy of the petition filed in the prior application extending the term for response is filed with the papers constituting the filing of the continuation application. Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).*

1. The amendment in this case is a bona fide attempt by applicant to respond and to advance this application to final action. It comprises a separately filed:

(check (a), (b), or (c), as applicable)

(a) ☐ Continuation application

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- (b) ☒ Continuation-in-part application  
(c) ☐ Divisional application (where parent case is to be abandoned)

A copy of this amendment and petition is being filed with the papers constituting the filing of the separately filed application.

2. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to  
(check and complete (d) or (e), as applicable)

- (d) ☒ the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006  
(e) ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please abandon this application conditioned upon the granting of the petition and the granting of a filing date to the continuing application, so as to make the continuing application copending with this application. (Notice of May 13, 1983, 1031 O.G. 11-12).

4. Applicant is

- ☐ a small entity.

The statement:

- ☐ is enclosed.

- ☐ is already in the parent application. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

- ☒ other than a small entity.

5. Extension requested

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(b) "...an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the date after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has not effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."*

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.36 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)  
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months check below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than Small entity	Fee for Small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> One months	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months	\$1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00

Fee \$1,020.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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(check and complete the next time, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

6. Fee Payment

☒ Attached is a check in the sum of \$1,020.00 \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Charge Account No. 20-0090 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

7. Fee Deficiency

**NOTE:** *If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986 (1065 O.G. 31-33).*

- ☐ The Office is hereby authorized to charge, in the manner shown above, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application.



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